

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Heinz Loosen  
International Application No.: PCT/EP97/01254  
International Filing Date: 03/12/97  
U.S. Serial No.: 09/142,712  
U.S. Filing Date: 09/10/98  
Title: Method Of Rotting Compostable Material  
Group Art Unit: Unknown  
Examiner: Unknown  
Attorney's Docket No.: STUR-11

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Sir:

REQUEST FOR FILING RECEIPT

The above-identified International application was filed in the U.S. Patent Office on September 10, 1998.

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Subsequently, at the request of Applicant's attorney, the Patent Office issued a Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 In The United States Designated/elected Office (DO/EO/US) on May 7, 1999.

On June 7, 1999, a Petition For Automatic Extension Of Time To Respond to the outstanding Notification of Missing Requirements was filed.

On August 6, 1999, a Response to Notification Of Missing Requirements, together with a further Petition For Automatic Extension Of Time, was filed.

On September 22, 1999, Applicant's attorney received a further Notification Of Missing Requirements, requesting an English translation of the above-identified international application.

On October 1, 1999, a further Response To Notification Of Missing Requirements, was filed. The Response included an English translation of the international application.

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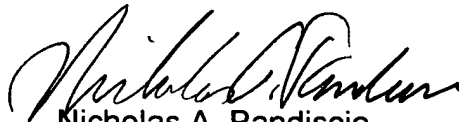
Since that time, Applicant's attorney has made several telephone inquiries to the PCT Office in an attempt to determine the status of the above-identified application, and to obtain an official filing receipt, all to no avail.

More specifically, at least six telephone inquiries concerning this matter were made by our docket clerk, Barbara Wells, to Ms. Karen Williams at the following Patent Office telephone number: 703-305-3688. However, Ms. Williams attempts to determine the status of the application have not borne fruit.

Accordingly, Applicant hereby respectfully requests that an official filing receipt be issued in connection with the above-identified application as soon as possible and that the application be examined on its merits.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted,



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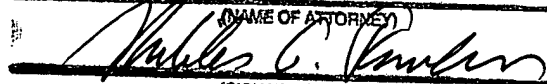
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